

SEVEN-SONG SING-ALONG

One Jump Ahead:
Make Yourself Merry
With Songs By Chris Cherry

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Music and Lyrics by Chris Cherry

From ***Magic In The Attic***

One jump ahead
One jump ahead
That's where you'll always find me

One jump ahead
One jump ahead
I'm leaving all my cares behind me

The worries and the woes often make the rounds
But I can keep ahead of them by leaps and bounds
Everybody knows I've got a natural knack
That's why they call me a jumping jack

One jump ahead
One jump ahead
That's where I'll always be

One jump ahead
One jump ahead
A jumping jack, that's me!

TWO TIN CANS

Music and Lyrics by Chris Cherry
From ***Magic In The Attic***

I've been rehearsin' a song for a person
When I get that person alone
But I need assistance with bridging the distance
I don't have a telephone
So thanks to Campbell's and Hormel
I'm Alexander Graham Bell

With two tin cans
With a string between 'em
Two tin cans
Hear it sing between 'em
Two tin cans
Only thing between 'em
Is a strictly private line
Just two numbers: Yours and mine

At Point A
Here am I with something sweet to say
Through the string it carries all the way
To the person at Point B

So I say, "See you later, Operator"
I've got something even greater
I've got two tin cans
With a string between 'em
Two tin cans
Hear it sing between 'em
Two tin cans
For my baby and me

MY KALEIDOSCOPE

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A microscope sees what is tiny
A telescope sees far away
A periscope sees above the surface
But I have a scope that is purely for play

Like a rainbow-colored snowflake tumbling out of the sky
It's a treat for the eye
When I look into my kaleidoscope

Rubies, emeralds, sapphires are colliding by chance
Then deciding to dance
When I look into my kaleidoscope

What I see is the mirror-image
Of those gemstones' crazy scrimmage
A mosaic that's always changing
All the pieces rearranging

Like a stained-glass window somersaulting for fun
It's an eye-catching wonder to see
What a spectacle, my oh my
Take a look and by and by
You'll see eye to eye with me

JUST PRETEND

Music and Lyrics by Chris Cherry

From ***Magic In The Attic***

How can you find your heart's desire
If you're unsure of the way
Search by the light of your own inner fire
See what could be if you play

When the night is dark and lonely
Just pretend, just pretend
There's a star to guide you only
Just pretend, just pretend

You can find a world of wonder
Bright as any star you're under
Just pretend and fate will send
The dream you're dreaming of

Make a wish and feel it change you
Just pretend, just pretend
Any wish can rearrange you
Just pretend, just pretend

You can find a happy ending
If you start by just pretending
Just pretend, you must pretend
And fate will send you love

A SINGULAR BIRD

Music and Lyrics by Chris Cherry
From ***Hidden Lands***

Haven't you heard
I'm a singular bird
There's no one quite like me around

You can search wide and far
Under sunlight and star
There's not another me to be found

You can see for yourself
I didn't come off the shelf
No, they made me and they tore up the mold

And to make my point clearer
I just hold up a mirror
It says "Nobody's fairer; you're rarer than gold."

They say that birds of a feather should always flock together
But there's no bird with feathers like mine
I don't give any quarter when I set the pecking order
'Cause there's no bird with feathers so fine

So I'm spreading the word
Though I'm a singular bird
It's together that I'm longing to be

You know that we'd be a pair
If your heart learned to care
For a singular bird like me

TAKING A TUMBLE FOR LOVE

Music and Lyrics by Chris Cherry

From ***Secret Circus***

Love can make you take a tumble
Taking a tumble for love
Love rolls in and pulls you under
Then, wonder of wonder, now under's above!

Life was dry and dusty
Like a book upon a shelf
Instead of turning a new leaf over
I turned over myself

Love can make you take a tumble
Believe me, I know how it feels
Life is just a jinxed-up jumble
I've fallen head over heels

It's no secret who's at fault
When my heart does a somersault
I was driftin'
Now I'm dreamin'
And I'm two feet off the ground
Since loved rolled in
Gave me a spin
And turned my life around

MAKE YOUR MESSAGE FRIENDLY

Music and Lyrics by Chris Cherry

From ***Message To Tomorrow***

I was once offended by a message that I read
The sender I befriended, all because my grandma said:

Make your message friendly
That's the method I believe
You should make your message friendly
For the people who receive

Remember, they can't hear your kindly voice
Or see your friendly smile
All they have to go by are your words of choice
And your writing style

If you think your lines are funny
They may have a hidden sting
Better make your message sunny
Or you may have cancelled spring

So make it warm and kind
And soon you'll find
You've started quite a trend

Make your message friendly
If you make your message friendly
You'll make an F-R-I-E-N-D, friend